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Pinestone prepares to serve up slapshots and saucer passes to spectators

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Teams squared off at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships last year at Pinestone Resort. The annual event is coming back again at the end of January. / DARREN LUM Staff

Some will wear goofy costumes complete with outrageous wigs, others will play in matching hockey jerseys or everyday clothes, but one thing all of the hundreds of participants will share is a love of outdoor hockey.

The Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships – a four-on-four, 30-minute game format tournament – draws people from all over the province, and a few from outside the country, to play hockey over two days.

Depending on the division, players will play from Jan. 24 to 25, or the following weekend on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

Organizer John Teljeur welcomes the public to see the event that combines the spirit of Halloween and the athleticism of outdoor hockey, set against the Highlands winter backdrop.

He said he's learned a lot about the community after running the event for four years.

"We have an amazing community that shows up every year to help. I've talked to so many of them and the feedback is they have fun and enjoy meeting new people. Anyone that has played or volunteered in the event will tell you that the experience is really amazing. They really like the event and what it does for our community. Over 92 per cent of the teams come from outside of our community, which helps fill up rooms at the Pinestone, Haliburton Heights and other facilities," he wrote in an email.

Teljeur's knowledge of ice has expanded greatly since assuming control of the event.

Although the pond in front of the Pinestone is smaller than other venues, the ice can be "tricky to maintain."

According to Teljeur, an average of five million cubic feet of snow is moved and nearly 70,000 litres of water is pumped to prepare the 500,000-square-foot area for 18 rinks thanks to volunteers and $100,000-worth of machinery. There must be a minimum of 12 inches of ice before ice preparation. The ice building process and the event can be seen on HalibooTV, which provides constant footage via its live streaming cameras.

Teljeur said there was great risk in taking over the championships in 2017.

In 2016, he learned the past event owner was looking to sell. Teljeur took over the ownership following a discussion with his wife about how depressing it would be if the event were not in Haliburton.

"That's when we decided to just take the risk and buy it ourselves. The first year was very stressful. We had never operated the full event on the Pinestone ice surface and weren't entirely sure we could. It is also a very every expensive event to run costing upwards of $60,000 annually. Thanks to the support of some amazing people in the community who jumped in and volunteered their time, we were able to make it work and we have never looked back," he said.

Teljeur thanks the volunteers and the event sponsors including Budweiser, Gibson's Finest Canadian Whisky, Ventrac Compact Tractors, Battlefield Equipment Rentals, Baffin Clothing, Viper Marketing, Amazing Agency and Budget Propane.

New for this year is a 40-foot inflatable igloo tent, which will provide an outdoor food and beverage option.

There will be live entertainment each night. The Baz Littlerock Band performs on Jan. 24, and then the next night, Neon Nostalgic, which covers classic '80s and '90s in front of the original musicians' videos. Rude E Bones performs on Jan. 31 and then Haliburton's Arden and the Tourists perform on Feb. 1. Admission is $15 in advance and $20 at the door. Volunteers and players are free.

The Pondimonium Division, which focuses on recreation and offers no playoff round, is returning. The idea for the division came from player feedback.

"They just wanted to play and not worry about the score. My daughter Sarah came with the name and the rest is history," Teljeur said.

Despite the time and energy, Teljeur said he hasn't forgotten what is at the root of the event's success and what it means for the Pinestone and the community.

"The hours are very long – sometimes back-to-back-to-back 18-hour days but I'm surrounded by great volunteers and Pinestone team members who are there every step of the way to make the event a success. To see it all come together after months of planning is awesome," he said. "I'm especially driven by what the event does for the resort and area. The brand is well known so it is an achievement for the community to host one of the largest pond hockey events in the world successfully every year. The event also helps fill up the resort on two weekends that can be hit and miss for anything else. The four days of pond hockey accounts for nearly 10 per cent of [Pinestone restaurant] Stone 21's annual revenues."

See canadapondhockey.ca for information on the event.

Correction

The article "Event to highlight rail trail experiences," published in the Jan. 2 edition of *County Life* incorrectly referred to TAG as the Toronto to Algonquin Gateway. The name of the organization is Toronto-Algonquin Greenway. An event based on stories about rail trails in the county and beyond is happening at the Fish Hatchery on Sunday, Jan. 19 starting at 4:30 p.m. and includes a light dinner. For ticket information, email pamela.marsales@gmail.com or call 705-457-4767.

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Young curlers represent Haliburton at zone competition

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Byers team from left, Hannah Lewis, lead, Jessica Byers, skip, Mackenzie Tidey, vice, and Savannah Byers, second, competed at the Ontario School Curling Provincial Competition zone level on Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Haliburton Curling Club. This senior team advanced to the regionals as the B finalists. Formerly known as the Gore Mutual Provincial Curling Championships, the event was co-hosted by HHSS and the local club. /DARREN LUM Staff

HHSS's Parish team from left, Harmony Moher, lead, Kayla Switzer, second, Jocelyn Chumbley, vice, and Holly Parish, skip. The team advanced as the B runner-ups to the regionals.

HHSS's Dobson team from left, Jacob Dobson, skip, Owen Nicholls, lead, and Corin Gervais, second. The team advanced to the regionals. Vice Liam Little was absent.

HHSS's Boore team from left, Logan Malette, vice, Nate Boore, skip, Marcus Harrison, lead, and Cole Boisvert, second. This junior Hawks team advanced to the regionals.

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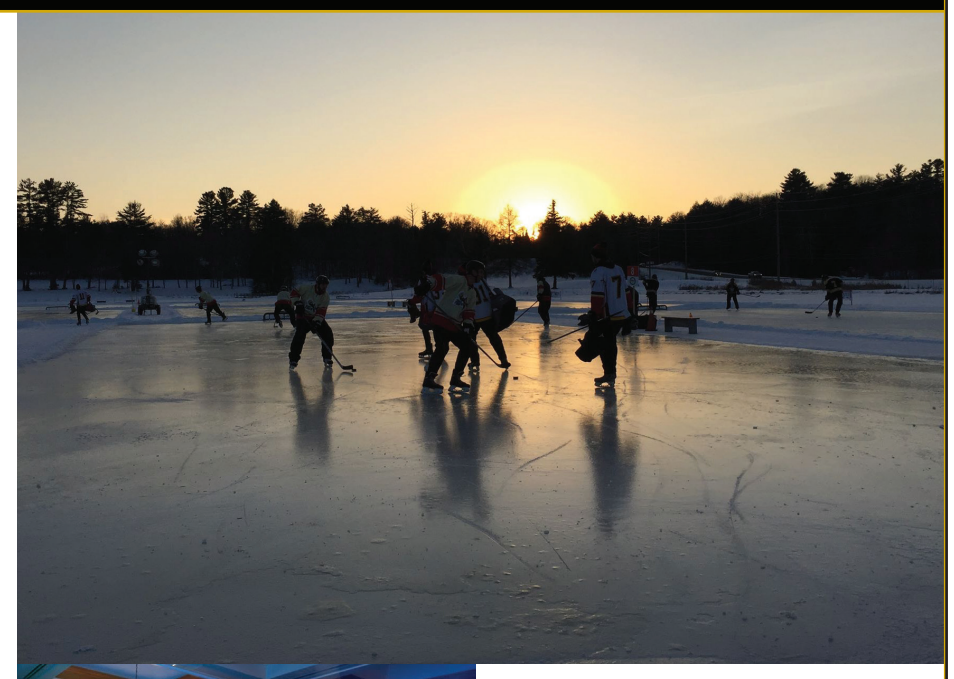

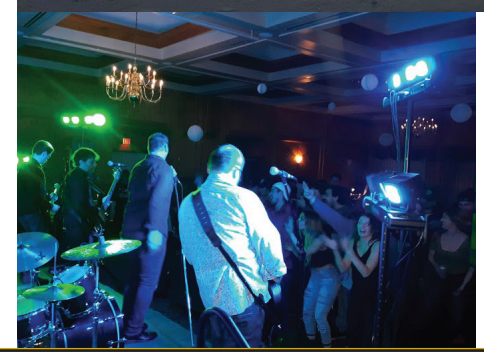

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Epilogue to Uncle John's Memorial Service

The following story is an epilogue to "Uncle John's Memorial Service," which ran in County Life on Jan. 2.

The memorial service for Uncle John and Aunt Eleanor at the Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery in Minden was followed by a reception, lunch at the Firehouse restaurant, walking distance from John and Eleanor's cottage on Lake Kushog, the one he built from the ground up, the one with all the rocks. After lunch, a number of us walked down the road to the cottage and shared more cottage stories. I walked with John's stepdaughter, Diane.

"Barb, I have something to tell you. You weren't the only one who John saw just before he died."

"Who else?"

"His other son, Douglas Bass."

"Who's Douglas Bass?"

"It seems that during the war when John was overseas in England, John had Douglas with another woman and kept it a big secret from all of us almost until he died. I found out when I was going through his things in the nursing home just before he died and discovered a letter: Dear Dad, Please don't send any more money. Just let me come and see you. Your son, Douglas Bass."

After the memorial service, I decided to reveal the big secret to my dad.

"So that's why Jackie stayed in England so long after the war. I always wondered about that." And then added, "the poor kid."

I have come to understand more about the restlessness of my uncle. I have come to the decision that secrets do no one any good. I contacted Douglas Bass. We exchanged photos and I have helped him get to know the father he never knew. He's interested in his Jewish roots and has even travelled to Israel. My daughter, Melanie, recently travelled to England and arranged to meet up with her "new" cousin at a pub in London.

"How will I recognize him? I'll know him because he's family," she emailed me before their encounter.

"Mom, he looks just like Uncle Jackie and he walks like him too! He took me all around London and showed me the sights. We have a good connection. He wants to meet you," she emailed me after their encounter.

"I feel warm all over," I replied.

Each Christmas/Hanukkah season, Doug emails me and I email him back. Just recently he ended up taking a solo holiday in a seaside English resort. His high school sweetheart showed up, in a bad state. She has children. They decided to get married. It's working out.

This season Doug asked, "Barb, do you have any contact with my half-brother Steve Bass?"

"Not since 1963. I was 16. I went by bus with my girlfriend to Philadelphia and then my uncle [John] took us to their seaside home to celebrate my one and only Christmas with his son Steve, his wife, and their four children. When I woke up Christmas morning and the children were all excited, opening their presents, my uncle asked, 'Aren't you going to open up your presents?' 'There are presents for me?' 'Of course, and your friend, too. It's Christmas!'"

If it's possible, I'll try to honour Doug's request, to find his half-brother, Steve. If it's possible, I want to meet my cousin Doug Bass. I believe it'll happen. I believe in miracles and in no secrets.

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Maybelle's time machine, don'tcha know

WHY, IF IT ISN'T two whole weeks into the new year and ol' Maybelle's wondering: How did this happen? It was 2019 for a whole 365 days and then 2020 showed up, kicked 2019 off the calendar and took over. And WE let it happen!

We never learn. Every 365 days we start all over again. We vow to be better, smarter, healthier. We put so much pressure on ourselves to do all this great stuff, but not as newborns. Noooooo. As older folks. Our calendars may get to start out all shiny and new again, but not us. Why I used to look in the mirror and see my mother. This morning I looked and saw my GRANDMA staring back at me. That's right. She jumped right into my face and ol' Maybelle morphed into an apple doll, don'tcha know. I mean, I loved my grandma…she was a real straight shooter, but Grandma! Can't you go shoot at somebody else?

Maybelle's **Fireside stories**

Now, it dawned on me that once upon a time there was no such thing as time. Somebody put a name on our time-less state of being, and civilization began marching to one drummer, rather than to our own. And as far as ol' Maybelle's concerned, THAT was the beginning of another thing that probably had no name back then: ANXIETY! We're always having to be some place at a certain time. We're taught to plan ahead, and if we don't, we're just not being responsible.

So, again, we're two weeks into the new year, and I go looking on Google to find out who was responsible for creating the concept of time in the first place. And here's what I found. "Hours of fixed length became commonplace only after mechanical clocks first appeared in Europe during the 14th century. Hipparchus and other Greek astronomers employed astronomical techniques that were previously developed by the Babylonians, who resided in Mesopotamia."

Flash forward to: "Sir Sandford Fleming KCMG (January 7, 1827 – July 22, 1915) a Scottish Canadian engineer and inventor. Born and raised in Scotland, he immigrated to colonial Canada at the age of 18 where he promoted worldwide standard time zones, a prime meridian, and use of the 24-hour clock as key elements to communicating the accurate time, all of which influenced the creation of Co-ordinated Universal Time."

And, ol' Maybelle's thinking… imagine what life would be like without "time" as we know it. Seems to me we'd all be living a lot more organically. We'd wake up with the sun, go to sleep when it gets dark out. Our inner clock would co-ordinate with the nature of things rather than force us into this made up structure that can be quite unnatural at the best of times.

I know what you're thinking. Maybelle, you've got too much "time" on your hands. What's all this questioning something that isn't going to change any time soon, if ever? Well, since I am living in this world with this agreed to system of time, I'm re-evaluating how to spend my time, which I believe is precious. Precious because we never know how much of it we've got left!

So, we suddenly get this gift of a whole new 12 months to look forward to, which can be pretty daunting depending on how you look at it. It causes some folks, like my good friend, Twindle Mumbly, to start marking up his calendar right away. He can't bear to see a lot of empty space. Why if he hasn't already gone through a whole 2020 calendar and jotted down things to do, places to go, when to get out of Dodge. Why he knows exactly what his next 12 months look like, and that makes him happy, and I'm happy that he's happy because he's my friend. But, as for ol' Maybelle, I'm just wired differently.

I parked my time machine and threw away the key a lonnnng time ago. I mean, I know vaguely what I might want to do some time in the future, but that's usually as specific as I get. I mean, plans are fine, but the older I get it seems that life, being so unpredictable, gets in the way of my plans more times than not. So, I try to listen to my heart and ask myself: Maybelle, what do you feel like doing today that's gonna make you happy? And more often than not, it's the smallest things that turn my crank, don'tcha know.

Like the peace and quiet right here in my wee cottage. And spending time with my pet bear, Bogart, who is not only sweet, he is the kindest, most gentle bear I know. OK, he's the ONLY bear I know…and he's the best reminder not to judge a book by its cover. Because when I do, I might be missing out on the best part that's inside.

So, from this day forward, I will get up every morning and ask myself, Maybelle, what would you like to do today that will make you happy? For the last hour, it was writing to you, dear Reader…which is one of my greatest pleasures.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," is available at amazon.com

Top 10 reasons to take up the harmonica

AS WE ALL know, a harmonica is a wonderful instrument, so long as it is in the right hands. The good news is it's also a great instrument in the wrong hands – so you shouldn't let that stop you from trying. Need more incentive? Here are 10 additional reasons to take up the harmonica.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Because nobody knows the trouble you've seen.
2. You need an excuse to buy sunglasses and a fedora.
3. It's hard to play blues with a cowbell.
4. If you can't master the blues, at least you can cause them.
5. It's a great way to collect DNA.
6. Because playing air harp looks silly.
7. Who knows? One day you might take up hobo-ing.
8. You enjoy solitude.
9. You'd like to bring something new to Beethoven's Fifth.
10. No one asks to borrow a harmonica.

Don't toss it! Bring it to SIRCH's first Repair Café

What do you do with a broken toaster? Or with a wobbly chair? Or with a sweater full of moth holes? Toss it away? No way! Instead, bring it to SIRCH Community Services' new Repair Cafés!

Repair Cafés help people repair broken household items – small appliances, clothing, furniture, bicycles, computers, audio equipment, jewelry, books, porcelain, and more – that could otherwise end up in landfills. Originally begun in 2009 in the Netherlands, Repair Cafés now take place all over the world. SIRCH is excited to bring Repair Cafés to Haliburton County.

SIRCH's first Repair Café takes place on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (gymnasium), 5358 County Road 21, Haliburton.

"We have an amazing team of volunteer fixers ready to fix broken lamps, mend ripped clothes, change bike tires, and repair torn book covers," said Chris Varga, SIRCH's Repair Café co-ordinator. "Your fixer will show you how to repair your item and work with you to get it fixed. Or you can request advice and guidance and carry out the repair yourself. Fixers will work on one item per visitor."

A recent study states that Canadians produce more garbage per capita than any other country on earth. Each Canadian generates approximately 2.7 kg of garbage each day. Communities across the country – including Haliburton County – struggle with an increasing amount of residential waste that ends up in local landfills. SIRCH's Repair Cafés are a vital way to help reduce the amount of waste that needs to be disposed of by giving household items a new life.

"If you know your repair will require replacement parts, for example buttons or a bicycle tire tube, please bring the parts with you. The fixer may give you a list of parts required so they can complete the repair at a future Repair Café event," said Varga. "The work carried out at the Repair Café is done free of charge. A donation jar will be available if you'd like to 'pay it forward.' Donations are appreciated, but there is no expectation."

SIRCH's Repair Café is funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. OTF awarded $108 million to 629 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

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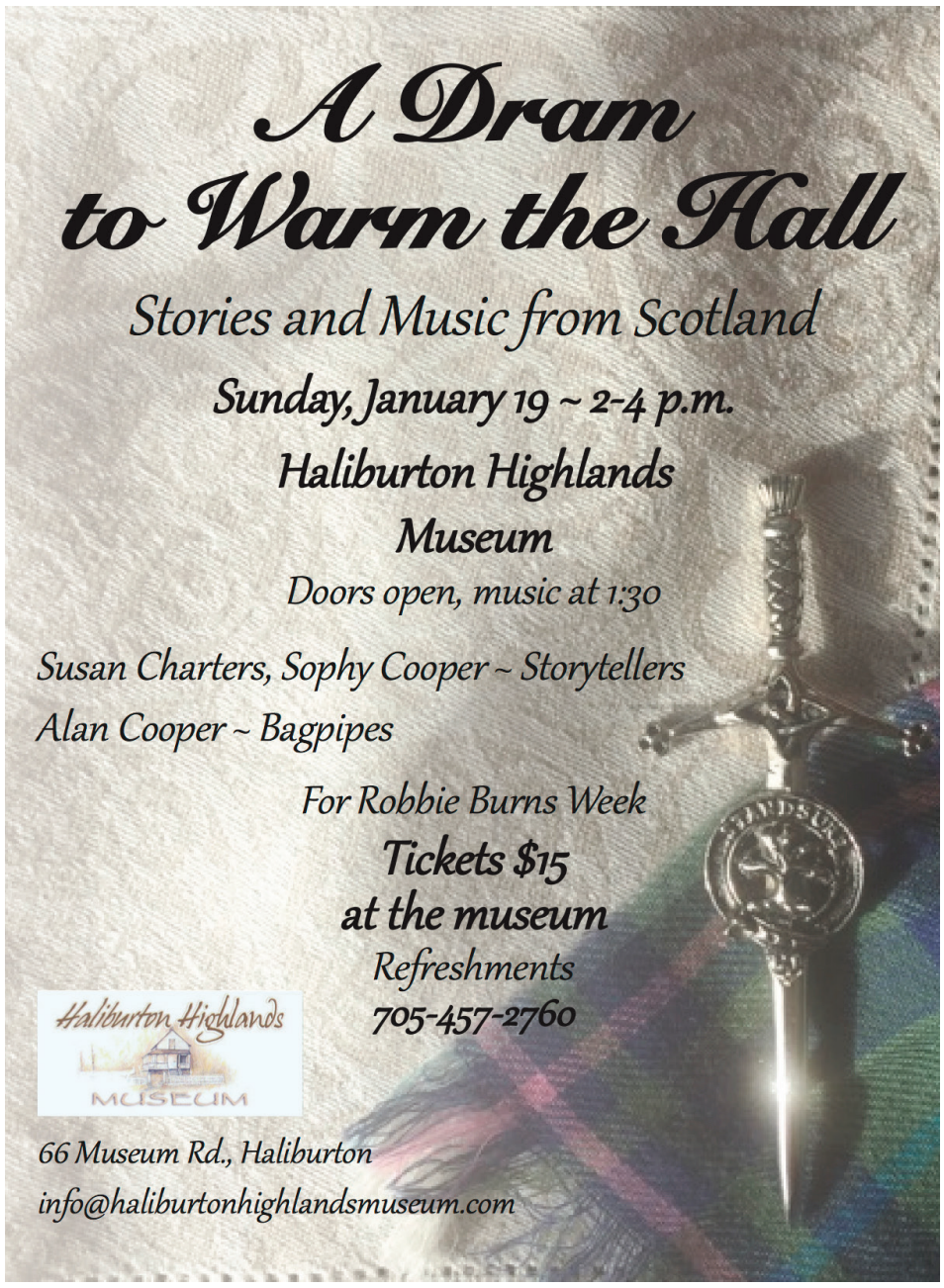

Classes serve up new ways to cook

Ever since Jay McIvor was 14, he's loved to eat. He parlayed this passion for food to his culinary journey allowing him to enrich his life with the flavours of the world.

As SIRCH Community Services's chef, McIvor is inviting people of all ages to broaden their horizons and learn more about cooking, including safe practices addressing food intolerances and allergies at the upcoming Community Cooking Classes.

McIvor said he wants to "bring ideas to people who would otherwise be uninspired or lacking in general knowledge to prepare meals. I'm going to keep it very simple. I may introduce a packaged meal and show them how to kind of modify it."

One example was mac 'n' cheese. Add some broccoli and you will not only introduce a new flavour, but help bolster the nutrient content of the dish.

The classes are a partnership between SIRCH Community Services and the municipalities of Dysart et al and Minden Hills, through the Senior County Grant Program.

The classes are held in Haliburton and Minden, alternating each week starting on Friday, Jan. 10 and finishing on March 27. The next class will be held in Minden on Friday, Jan. 17 with "Cooking Healthy on a Budget – it IS possible!"

Other classes include "Special Diets: Gluten Free, Dairy-free Cooking"; "Special Diets: Plant-based Cooking"; "Cooking for Guys (men and boys only)"; and two "Cooking for the Week – make it here, take it home" classes. Classes will be capped at 10 participants and are offered for free.

McIvor trained with chefs of German, Japanese and Thai backgrounds. Some of his professional background includes cooking vegetarian and vegan meals starting in 2004, including gluten-free dishes at YMCA Wanakita. He said he is a regular traveller, having visited Asia more than once, returning to add those flavours to his cooking repertoire.

Anyone interested in saving money is best served by a vegetarian diet since buying meat is more costly, which is an aspect to the "Special Diets" class, he said.

Another area the classes will help with is how to interpret the ingredient lists, reading between the lines to find what might trigger allergies. One example is pea protein, which can be problematic for some people.

All sessions in Haliburton are held at SIRCH Central at 2 Victoria Street. Pre-register by contacting Andrea Mueller at 705-457-1740 ext. 635 or email amueller@dysartetal.ca.

All sessions in Minden are held at the Minden Hills Community Centre at 55 Parkside Street. Pre-register by contacting Elisha Weiss at 705-286-2808 or email her at eweiss@mindenhills.ca.

- Darren Lum, Staff

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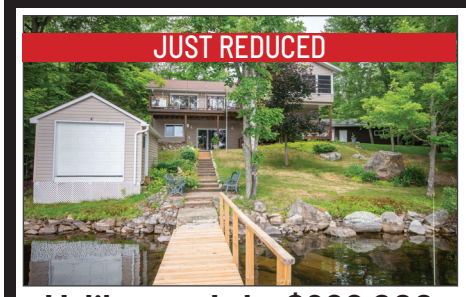

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12:00PM	6 Dog Race
1:15PM	Kid & Mutt
1:45PM	8 Dog Race
2:45PM	Youth race
2:55PM	Novice race
3:00PM	Kicksled Race
8:00PM	Rock & Roll Never Forgets Concert at Pinestone (Bob Seger tribute band)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19th

9:00AM	1 & 2 Dog Skijoring
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1:00PM	8 Dog race
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Legion Events

Branch 636 Minden

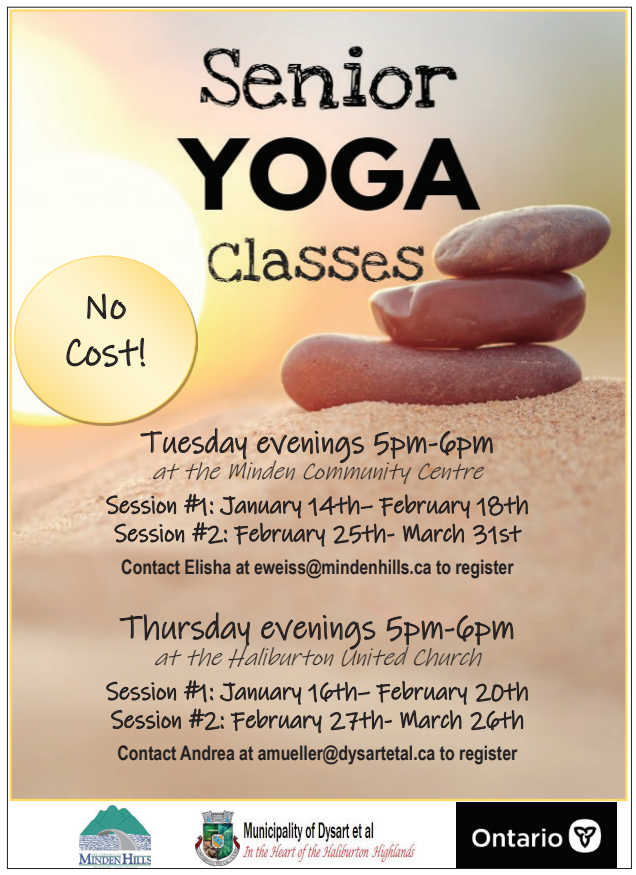
Monday – Thursday Breakfast 9 to 11 a.m.
Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Liver Lovers Special plus regular menu
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 7 p.m., Fish & Chips, or Wings & Fries (Onion Rings.)
Saturday All day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a lunch special from 12 noon.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group.
1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 p.m. - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket.
1 to 4 p.m. - Ladies Darts,
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Calorie Counters
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts in the Sports Room.
7 p.m. Euchre in the Club Room
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m. - Four special draws
Sunday 12 to 4:30 p.m. Sports Day

Branch 624 Wilberforce

Friday Spaghetti dinner 5 to 7p.m.
Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. Sharp! If you come out offer to help sell tickets please!
Monday Card Night 7 p.m. Beginner's welcome.
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m.
Thursday HHHC social rec. drop in. Come out for coffee/tea or juice, cards, board games, crafts, tech. time, pool or just to chat FREE 10a.m. to 2 p.m.
Upcoming Events
Jan 25 - Pat & Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Derby.
Having a event ? Book our hall and have L.A. cater for you. They do a great job! Want to get involved? Please call or drop by the legion 705-448-2221 now if you can help.

Branch 129 Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.
Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start
Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $1,000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at
7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw,
Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129.
Everyone is welcome!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Tuesday evenings 5pm-6pm
at the Minden Community Centre
Session #1: January 14th– February 18th
Session #2: February 25th- March 31st
Contact Elisha at eweiss@mindenhills.ca to register
Thursday evenings 5pm-6pm
at the Haliburton United Church
Session #1: January 16th– February 20th
Session #2: February 27th- March 26th
Contact Andrea at amueller@dysartetal.ca to register
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Community Events

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What's Happening at the A.J. LaRue Arena?
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Wednesdays 11 am – 12:30 pm
Thursdays (ADULT ONLY)
12 to 2 pm
Sundays: Times vary.
Please visit
www.dysart.ca/events for info
LINE DANCING Every Wednesday 9:30 - 11 am

Ladies Night at the Museum
The Canadian Federation Of University Women (CFUW) Haliburton Highlands is having a speaker. All women who are considering becoming a CFUW member are welcome to join us.
When: Thursday, Jan. 16, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Where:Haliburton Highlands Museum
The motto of the Haliburton Highlands Museum is "Telling the Story of All of Us", but what is our community's story? Join Museum director Kate Butler for a fun journey through our community's history, guided by 10 of her favourite artifacts from the collection.
Cost: Free
More Information: www.cfuwhh.ca

The Highland Trio in the Clubroom
When: Saturday, Jan. 18, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
Cost: $5 cover charge for non-members
*50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

Minden Agricultural Society, Annual General Meeting
When: Saturday, Jan. 18, 12 p.m.
Where: Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle Street, Minden
Come and enjoy a complimentary lunch and meet many of our volunteers
For more information please contact Eric Casper at 705-455-7997or email casper.3742@gmail.com

Wilberforce Heritage Guild, Annual General Meeting
When: Wednesday Jan. 22, 7 p.m.
Where: The Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum, 2314 Loop Road in Wilberforce
Everyone is welcome to attend!

Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205

Hospice Community Support Services
Eventide: Community Conversation on Living and Dying Well
When: Monday, Jan. 27, 1 to 3 p.m.
Where: Dorset Recreation Centre Hospice
Pull up a chair, grab a coffee and join in the conversation.
Open discussion about life to end of life journey.
Supported group chat to ask questions about issues of concern to you in your journey. Facilitated discussion to develop and share strategies on living and dying well.

Minden Legion presents Gord Kidd & No Friends
When: Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
Lunch available to purchase from 12 to 2 p.m., Meat Draw at 1 p.m.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association monthly meeting
When: Monday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.
Where: HCSA Clubhouse, 171 Mallard Road in Haliburton's Industrial Park.
It's a busy time for the HCSA with a number of projects on and off trail projects on the go. For further info email info@hcsa.ca or call 705-457-4263. Everyone is Welcome

Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge
An event at the Haliburton Frost Festival
When: Saturday, Feb. 15
Registration at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Event starts at 1 p.m.
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Todd's Independent or on-line at haliburtonlions.com
Prizes awarded to the top individual pledge dollars and top team pledge dollars and also the best costumes. All proceeds to the SickKids' Garron Family Cancer Centre or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

Ripopée by L'Aubergine
When: Sunday, Mar. 1, 2 p.m.
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 5358 Haliburton County Road 21, Haliburton
What: Join four hilarious clowns on their whimsical – and sometimes chaotic – journey. A pure delight for all ages. Presented by Razzamataz Kids' Shows! For more info and tickets visit www.razzamataz.ca/shows/ or contact Dawn Mole-Hurd 705-854-0728

The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito by Tomson Highway
When: Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 5358 Haliburton County Road 21, Haliburton
What: Mary Jane, the wingless mosquito, learns to make friends by sharing her Cree language, kind heart, and songs with the world. This is a delightfully engaging musical show for younger audiences. Presented by Razzamataz Kids' Shows! For more info and tickets visit www.razzamataz.ca/shows/ or contact Dawn Mole-Hurd 705-854-0728

Recurring Events

Haliburton: Pickleball
When: Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton High School Gym.
Cost is $2 and rackets are provided. Bring clean indoor shoes.
Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

Minden: Pickleball
When: Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Racquets are provided so all you need are clean indoor shoes.
Cost is $2
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Family Fun Bingo
Every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
At the Kinmount Legion

Harcourt Community Centre
Harcourt Bingo every week on Wednesdays
Doors open at 6:45 and bingo starts at 7:30
Regular euchre night every week on Thursday night starting at 7 p.m.
The new community centre is also air conditioned.

Kinmount Library
The Friends of the Library group have a monthly book sale at the Kinmount Library the third Saturday of every month.

Al-anon Minden
When; Monday evenings at 7 p.m.
Where: Hyland Crest (north entrance, follow signs inside building), 6 MacPherson, Minden
Details: For relatives and friends of problem drinkers. For more information call 1-888-425-2666

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild
When: Second Wednesday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting includes speakers holding trunk shows of their work, often covering new and interesting quilt and sewing techniques. Our group consists of quilters at all levels, who enjoy sharing and learning from each other. Check out our Facebook page or our web site: Facebook.com/haliburtonquilts or www.haliburtonhighlandsquiltguild.com
Contact: Connie Walker 905-439-5943 or haliburtonquilts@gmail.com

Haliburton Highlands Weaving and Spinning Guild Open Studios
Time: Every Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: Haliburton Veterinary Services Building – Back Entrance
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Table Tennis
When: Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Bid Euchre
When: Thursday, and every third Sunday, afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3 on Thursdays and $8 on Sundays
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca.

Rails End Knitting Circle
first Friday of every month 1 to 4 p.m.
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Rails End Uke Jam
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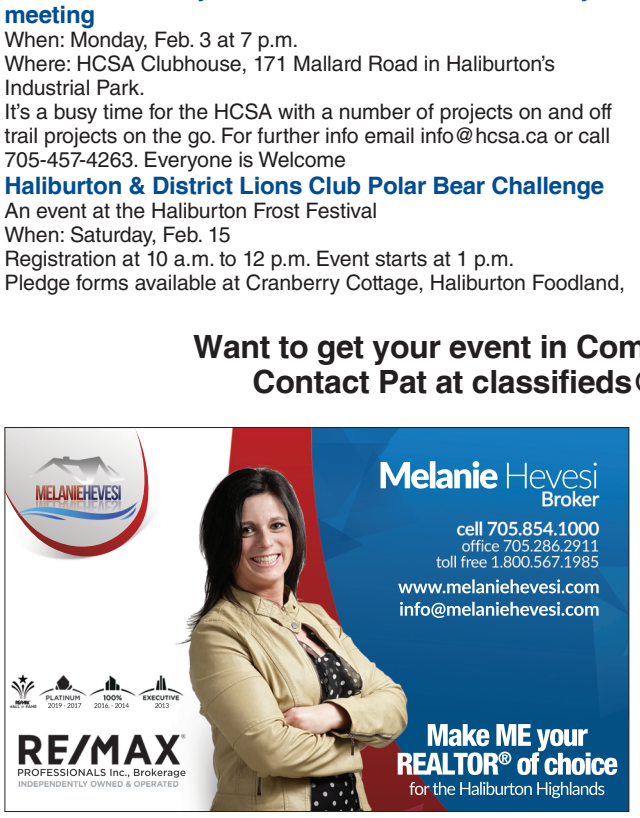
Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free!
Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.



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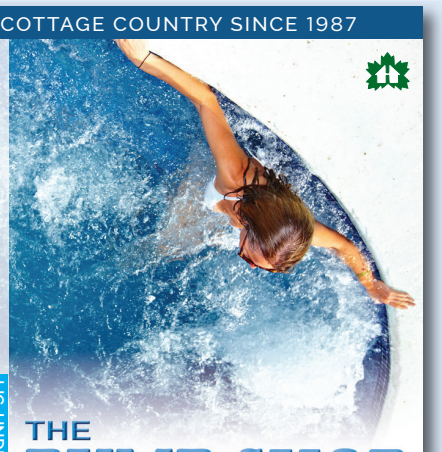

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Student draws date with Drifter

Lindsey Sala is this year's winner in the Derby poster contest

Lindsey Sala will be getting a behind-the-scenes look at the Minden Sled Dog Derby as she spends a day with Drifter, the official derby mascot.

Lindsey is a grade seven student in Tom Dawson's class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. She is also the winner of this year's derby poster contest.

In addition to a cash prize, Lindsey gets to spend a day of the January 23 and 24 derby with Drifter. She will also be given the use of a sled and dog to enter the Kid and Mutt race on the Sunday of the derby.

The poster contest runs each year in conjunction with the sled dog derby. Lindsey was to have spent this past weekend with Drifter, but her date was postponed when a lack of snow pushed the race back two weeks.

Lindsey's entry was judged against 357 others, said Paul Gauntley, who organized the contest. He said the judges felt her poster best captured the spirit and the colour of the event.

Lindsey's teacher was not surprised by the judges' choice. Mr. Dawson said Lindsey has a flair for art. Several of her recent works adorn the classroom. Gauntley said Lindsey's poster had something special that captured the judges' eyes. He noted that the contest had dozens of outstanding entries, all of which are displayed in storefronts throughout Minden.

In addition to the grand prize, secondary prizes were awarded to the top three posters entered from each grade

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Lindsey Sala, a grade seven Archie Stouffer student, is the overall winner in this year's Minden Sled Dog Derby poster contest.

Minden dog derby delayed

Flurries.

That's all the weatherman could offer Wednesday and it was far short of the dumping needed to ensure the ninth running of the Minden Sled Dog Derby would go ahead as scheduled.

After a brief look at the trail Wednesday afternoon, organizers made the inevitable decision to postpone the race.

The flip side of the coin, though, is that Minden won't have to wait a full month until the snow date. After the decision was made to postpone, organizers sat down with a calendar and concluded the event could be staged at the end of January rather than mid-February.

The new date for the race is January 23 and 24 which is far superior to the original mid-February snow date.

Trail boss Steve Lougheed said the organizers still have the energy to carry them through another two weeks. If, however, it was postponed for a month, their enthusiasm would have worn thin, he said.

"We can get geared back up in two weeks easier than four or five," said Lougheed. "We still have the enthusiasm."

The new snow date is also better than the original since it does not directly compete with any major races. The February date, on the other hand, would have put Minden's derby in the same time slot as two important races.

The decision to postpone should have come as no surprise. Although there was plenty of snow on the ground up until the weekend, the temperature dropped throughout the day Saturday and rain began to fall late in the evening. The rain

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Talking trash: *Can the county afford to revive waste management plan? Can it afford not to?*

Three hours of round-about discussions all distilled down to one plain fact: If Haliburton wants to get serious about waste management it's going to cost a lot of money.

How much? That depends.

How long will it take? That also depends.

What is known is that the county will have to hire a full-time co-ordinator if it plans to revive its waste management masterplan. In addition, the county would have to enlist a consultant to handle a large portion of this task.

Traditionally, the Ministry of the Environment has paid for half the costs associated with such studies, but there is no guarantee that will continue. The only promise the ministry is making right now is that it will pay "up to" 50 per cent of the costs. Considering the cutbacks on all fronts from the provincial government, "up to" anything provides little comfort.

The county's waste management steering committee met last Thursday in a crowded room on the ground floor of the registry office.

With three representatives from the Ministry of the Environment on hand, they talked about waste cardboard, refunds on liquor bottles, licensing of recycling handlers, chipping brush and dead car batteries.

What they really needed to know, though, was whether the county can afford to put the waste management masterplan back on the rails.

The masterplan was shelved last year for one simple reason: cutbacks had to be made in order to present a budget that would satisfy tax-wary residents. No one openly questioned the need to complete the masterplan, only the feasibility of pressing ahead in the midst of a recession.

With a new budget just around the corner, the steering committee is again wrestling with the same questions. Can the county afford to put it back in motion? Can it afford not to?

The issue is a double-edged sword. Moving ahead on the masterplan can bring huge savings in the future. However, delaying the process gives county ratepayers a break at a time when they can ill-afford to pay more taxes.

Uncertainty about continued ministry funding and the potential length of this study add a new dimension to the quandary.

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